

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA
COURT FILE NO.: CV - _____**

Matt Just,

Plaintiff,

v.

Diversified Consultants, Inc.,

Defendant.

COMPLAINT

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

JURISDICTION

1. Jurisdiction of this Court arises under 28 U.S.C. § 1331 and pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(d).
2. This action arises out of Defendants' violations of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1692 et seq. ("FDCPA").

PARTIES

3. Plaintiff Matt Just is a natural person who resides in the City of St. Cloud, County of Stearns, State of Minnesota, and is a "consumer" as that term is defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(3).
4. Defendant Diversified Consultants, Inc. (hereinafter "Defendant") is a foreign corporation and a collection agency operating from an address of 10550 Deerwood Park Boulevard, Jacksonville, FL 32256, and is a "debt collector" as that term is defined by 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(6).

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

5. Sometime prior to October 2007, Plaintiff entered a credit agreement with Verizon for a cellular phone and incurred a “consumer debt,” as that term is defined at 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(5).
6. Sometime prior to October 2007, Verizon transferred the alleged account to Defendant for collection.
7. On or about October 11, 2007, Plaintiff received a telephone call from Defendant.
8. During the October 11, 2007, phone conversation Plaintiff was told that he could settle his account with Defendant.
9. Defendant’s representative told Plaintiff that he needed Plaintiff’s checking account information so he could process the settlement.
10. Plaintiff explained to Defendant’s representative that he was not comfortable giving out his checking account information and Plaintiff was told that he Plaintiff did not give Defendant that information Defendant would take it as a “refusal” to pay, in violation of 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692d, 1692e and 1692f.
11. Plaintiff asked Defendant’s representative to send him a letter in writing that Plaintiff would be more than happy to send in a money order.
12. Defendant’s representative said that he was not okay with that and continued to tell Plaintiff that he was “refusing to pay,” in violation of 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692d, 1692e and 1692f.

13. Defendant's representative also told Plaintiff that Defendant would be taking "legal action" on Plaintiff because he refused to pay, in violation of 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692d, 1692e, 1692e(2), 1692e(5) and 1692f.
14. Plaintiff immediately asked Defendant's representative for his name, which Defendant's representative refused to give Plaintiff, in violation of 15 U.S.C. §§ 1692d and 1692f.
15. To date Plaintiff has not received a collection letter from Defendant in direct violation of 15 U.S.C. § 1692g(a).
16. Defendant's conduct has caused Plaintiff mental anguish and stress constituting actual damages.

TRIAL BY JURY

17. Plaintiff is entitled to and hereby demands a trial by jury. US Const. amend. 7. Fed. R. Civ. Pro. 38.

CAUSES OF ACTION

COUNT I.

VIOLATIONS OF THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT

15 U.S.C. § 1692 et seq.

18. Plaintiff incorporates by reference all of the above paragraphs of this Complaint as though fully stated herein.
19. The foregoing acts and omissions of Defendant constitute numerous and multiple violations of the FDCPA, including but not limited to each and every one of the above-cited provisions of the FDCPA, 15 U.S.C. § 1692 et seq.

20. As a result of Defendant's violations of the FDCPA, Plaintiff has suffered out-of-pocket expenses and therefore Plaintiff is entitled to actual damages pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(1); statutory damages in the amount of \$1,000.00 pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(2)(A); and, reasonable attorney's fees and costs pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(3) from Defendant.

PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays that judgment be entered against Defendant for:

- for an award of actual damages pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(1) against Defendant;
- for an award of statutory damages of \$1,000.00 pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(2)(A) against Defendant;
- for an award of costs of litigation and reasonable attorney's fees pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(a)(3) against Defendant; and
- for such other and further relief as may be just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated this 12 day of December, 2007.

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